

All Regional Engineers

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Special Provision for Soil Modification

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Materials & Physical to increase the number of materials that may be used to modify soil and to add a requirement for subgrade stability. It has been revised by the Geotechnical Unit in the Bureau of Bridges and Structures to require 95 % compaction of the soil prior to modification, to ensure the stability of the soil below the modified soil complies with the Department's "Subgrade Stability Manual", and to require a 24 hour cure for all modified soils.

It should be inserted into contracts using soil modification.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the April 28, 2006 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory January 13, 2006.

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SOIL MODIFICATION (BDE)

Effective: November 1, 2004

Revised: April 1, 2006

Revise Section 302 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“SECTION 302. SOIL MODIFICATION

302.01 Description. This work shall consist of constructing a modified soil layer composed of soil, water, and a modifier.

302.02 Materials. Materials shall meet the requirements of the following Articles of Section 1000 Materials:

Item	Article/Section
(a) Type I Portland Cement	1001
(b) Type I (SM) Slag-Modified Portland Cement	1001
(c) Water.....	1002
(d) Hydrated Lime.....	1012.01
(e) By-Product, Hydrated Lime (Note 1)	
(f) By-Product, Non-Hydrated Lime (Note 2)	
(g) Lime Slurry (Note 3)	
(h) Class C Fly Ash (Note 4)	
(i) Soil (Note 5)	
(j) Bituminous Materials (Note 6).....	1009.07, 1009.08, 1009.09

Note 1. By-product, hydrated lime (hydrator tailings) shall conform to the following requirements:

Parameter	Value
Total calcium and magnesium oxides (nonvolatile basis)	90 % minimum
Available calcium hydroxide (rapid sugar test, ASTM C 25) plus total MgO content calculated to be equivalent $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$	70 % minimum
As received loss on ignition (carbon dioxide plus moisture, combined and free)	5 % maximum
Free water (as-received basis)	4 % maximum
SO_3	10 % maximum

The sieve analysis of the lime residue shall be as follows:

Sieve	Maximum Percent Retained
4.75 mm (No. 4)	0
600 μm (No. 30)	10

150 µm (No. 100)	60
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Note 2. By-product, non-hydrated lime (lime kiln dust) shall conform to the following requirements:

Parameter	Value
Total calcium and magnesium oxides (nonvolatile basis)	60 % minimum
Available calcium hydroxide (rapid sugar test, ASTM C 25) plus total MgO content calculated to be equivalent Ca(OH)_2	30 % minimum
As received loss on ignition (carbon dioxide plus moisture, combined and free)	40 % maximum
Free water (as received basis)	4 % maximum
SO_3	10 % maximum

The sieve analysis of the lime residue shall be as follows:

Sieve	Maximum Percent Retained
4.75 mm (No. 4)	5
600 µm (No. 30)	10
150 µm (No. 100)	30

Note 3. The lime used in the slurry shall be either hydrated lime conforming to the requirements of ASTM C 207, Type N, or quicklime conforming to the requirements for calcium lime as stated in ASTM C 5. The quantity of lime (hydrated lime or quicklime) in the slurry shall be a minimum of 35 percent and a maximum of 45 percent by total mass (weight) of slurry.

Note 4. The fly ash shall meet the physical and chemical requirements of AASHTO M 295, Class C.

Note 5. When lime (slurry or dry) is used as the modifier, the soil shall have a minimum clay content of 15 percent, determined according to AASHTO T 88; and shall have a maximum organic matter content of ten percent, determined according to AASHTO T 194.

Note 6. The bituminous materials used for curing shall be emulsified asphalt RS-1, RS-2, CRS-1, CRS-2, HFE 60, HFE 90, or HFE 150; rapid curing liquid asphalt RC-70 or RC-250; or medium curing liquid asphalt MC-70 or MC-250.

302.03 Equipment. Equipment shall meet the requirements of the following Articles of Section 1100 - Equipment:

Item	Article/Section
(a) Rotary Speed Mixer	1101.06

- (b) Disk Harrow (Note 1)..... 1101.02
- (c) Distributor (Note 2)
- (d) Lime Slurry Equipment (Note 3)

Note 1. A disk harrow may be used for soil modification with portland cement, slag-modified portland cement, or lime (slurry or dry) when permitted by the Engineer.

Note 2. The distributor shall be of a mechanical type and shall be approved by the Engineer.

Note 3. The equipment used for mixing, transporting, slaking, and placing lime slurry shall be approved by the Engineer.

302.04 Proportioning. Proportioning shall be as follows.

- (a) Samples. Samples of the soil modifier(s) and the project soil(s) shall be obtained and submitted to the Engineer at least 45 days prior to the construction of the modified soil. Sample sizes shall be a minimum of 12 kg (25 lb) for the modifier(s) and 90 kg (200 lb) for the project soil(s).
- (b) Mix Design. The actual proportions of modifier, soil, and water will be determined by the Engineer prior to construction using the submitted samples. The Engineer reserves the right to make such adjustments in proportions as are considered necessary during the progress of the work.

In no case shall proportions or type of modifier be changed during the progress of the work without permission by the Engineer.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

302.05 General. The modified soil shall be constructed when the temperature of the soil, measured 150 mm (6 in.) below the surface, is above 10 °C (50 °F); and the ambient air temperature in the shade is above 7 °C (45 °F).

The quantity of modified soil constructed shall be limited to that which can be covered by the succeeding pavement layer during the same construction season.

302.06 Preparation of Subgrade. The area to be processed shall be shaped to the proper grade and cross section. All vegetation and other objectionable material shall be removed from within the limits of modification. In cut or at grade sections, the subgrade shall be prepared according to Article 301.03; except the minimum immediate bearing value (IBV) of the soil below the soil to be modified, shall be according to the Department's "Subgrade Stability Manual".

302.07 Application of Modifier. The modifier shall be applied uniformly on the soil. The application of modifier shall be limited to that amount which can be incorporated into the soil within the same working day.

After application of dry modifiers, but before the addition of any water, the surface of the subgrade shall be lightly scarified or disked. When lime slurry is used, the surface of the subgrade shall be lightly scarified or disked prior to application of the slurry.

Dry modifiers shall not be applied when wind conditions are such that blowing modifier becomes objectionable to adjacent property owners or creates a hazard to traffic on adjacent highways, as determined by the Engineer.

Lime slurry shall be applied within 30 days of preparing and mixing the slurry, and shall be thoroughly agitated prior to application.

Modifier which has been damaged by hydration due to rain prior to or during the mixing operations, or has been displaced by the Contractor's equipment or other traffic after application shall be replaced.

302.08 Mixing. The modifier, soil, and water shall be thoroughly mixed. Mixing shall continue until a homogeneous layer of the required thickness has been obtained and a minimum of 75 percent of the mixture is smaller than 25 mm (1 in.). The moisture content of the modified soil shall be between optimum and three percent above optimum.

For soil modification with fly ash, more than one pass of the rotary speed mixer may be necessary to obtain a homogenous mixture. If more than one pass of the rotary speed mixer is required, the application of the fly ash shall be modified such that 25 percent of the specified fly ash quantity is applied and mixed with a down-cut motion as a preparation for the final pass of the rotary speed mixer. The remaining specified quantity of fly ash shall be applied prior to the final pass of the rotary speed mixer. Mixing shall continue until a minimum 75 percent of the mixture is smaller than 25 mm (1 in.).

302.09 Compaction. Compaction of soil modified with portland cement, slag-modified portland cement, or fly ash shall be completed no later than one hour after mixing begins.

Compaction of soil modified with hydrated lime or by-product non-hydrated lime shall be completed within the same working day.

Compaction of soil modified with lime slurry shall begin within 24 hours.

Compaction of soil modified with by-product hydrated lime shall be delayed a minimum of 24 hours. The Engineer may require additional water or further mixing prior to the final compaction of soil modified with by-product hydrated lime. In no case shall compaction be started later than three days after mixing unless approved by the Engineer. If compaction is to be delayed, the surface of the soil shall be crown-graded and sealed from moisture loss by either blade dragging or light rolling immediately after mixing.

The compacted, modified soil shall have a minimum dry density of 95 percent of the laboratory standard dry density. The in place dry density will be determined according to AASHTO T 191, or Illinois Modified AASHTO T 310 (Direct Transmission Density/Backscatter Moisture). The laboratory standard dry density will be determined according to AASHTO T 99.

302.10 Finishing and Curing. When multiple lifts are used to construct the modified soil layer, the top lift shall be a minimum of 150 mm (6 in.) thick when compacted.

When compaction of the modified soil is nearing completion, the surface shall be shaped to the required lines, grades, and cross section shown on the plans. For bituminous concrete base course and pavement (full-depth) and portland cement concrete base course and pavement, the surface of the modified soil shall be brought to true shape and correct elevation according to Article 301.06, except that well compacted earth shall not be used to fill low areas.

The modified soil shall be cured for a minimum of 24 hours. The ambient air temperature shall be above 7 °C (45 °F) during curing.

Soils modified with lime (slurry or dry) generally will not require curing unless the minimum stability requirements in Article 302.11 cannot be met. If it has been determined by the Engineer that curing is necessary, the curing requirements stated above shall apply.

During the curing period, the moisture content of the modified soil shall be maintained at optimum by sprinkling with water, use of plastic sheeting, or applying bituminous materials according to Article 312.19. During this period, no equipment or traffic will be permitted on the completed work beyond that required for maintenance of curing.

Equipment of such weight, or used in such a way as to cause a rut depth of 12 mm (0.5 in.) or more in the finished modified soil, shall be removed, or the rutting otherwise prevented, as directed by the Engineer.

302.11 Subgrade Stability. Following curing, the Engineer will determine the stability of the modified soil in terms of the immediate bearing value (IBV), according to Illinois Test Procedure 501. The IBV shall be a minimum of 10.0.

No equipment or traffic shall be on the modified soil after compaction until the required IBV is attained.

302.12 Method of Measurement. This work will be measured for payment as follows.

- (a) Contract Quantities. The requirements for the use of contract quantities shall conform to Article 202.07(a).
- (b) Measured Quantities. Processing modified soils will be measured for payment in place and the area computed in square meters (square yards). The width for measurement will be as shown on the plans.

Modifier will be measured for payment in metric tons (tons). The modifier will be measured in trucks or freight cars. The Contractor shall furnish or arrange for use of scales of a type approved by the Engineer. When the modifier is shipped in trucks, it shall be measured at the place of loading, at the place of unloading, or at such other place as the Engineer may designate. The Engineer may accept original signed freight bills in lieu of determining the mass (weight).

Should the Contractor's method of construction require additional earth excavation or embankment due to requiring more than one lift to construct the modified soil layer as shown on the plans, this extra earth excavation and embankment will not be measured for payment.

302.13 Basis of Payment. This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per square meter (square yard) for PROCESSING MODIFIED SOIL, of the thickness specified; and per metric ton (ton) for LIME, FLY ASH, PORTLAND CEMENT, or SLAG-MODIFIED PORTLAND CEMENT."

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